



News from Village Hall



May 2008

FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



Fellow Residents:

Well, its time to get out the tractor and start cleaning up the yard from a long winter. I know many of you are tired of snow and rain, but all that moisture provided an investment to our ground and surface water inventories.

This spring, I want to update you on several issues.

The Canadian National Railroad intends to purchase the EJ&E rail line which passes through many Barrington Hills, and stretches from Waukegan to the Gary, IN area. Last issue, I discussed CN's plan to change the use of this rail line from a few small trains per day traveling local, to 30 - 35+ unit freight trains --that's a train every 43 minutes-- as part of a limited access railway to travel from Western Canada to Mississippi. This will result in a very significant impact to the Village character and property values in a way that we have never experienced. In addition, there are serious safety and traffic concerns with this plan for the Village as well as the region.

Since my last update, we have carefully reviewed possible options and so-called 'mitigation' plans. After careful consideration of many possible

scenarios, it is clear to me that no 'mitigation' is possible. This plan is simply a bad deal for our Village, the local community, and the region and I will stand against it.

You should note that CN's claims that other communities will have reduced train traffic, and that the Chicago area will see improved transportation are not supported by a careful look at the data. I consider these claims suitable only for pasture fertilizer.

CN documentation we have discovered indicates their plan is to connect western Canada to New Orleans with unit non-stop freight trains. The fact is that CN is trying to create an over-land transcontinental shipping route to compete with container ships moving between the Pacific and the Atlantic. This is not a railway that will help the local economy. These are TV's and shoes from Asia bound for Europe. Our community has no obligation to support the profit of a foreign corporation at the

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TREE PRESERVATION

The Village of Barrington Hills has long been home to thousands of majestic trees, many of which are older than the village itself. One of the cherished appeals of the village for most of us, if not all of us, is the forested nature of our surroundings. To assist in preserving our wooded ambiance, the Village established a new chapter in our Zoning Code this past year entitled "TREE PRESERVATION." After months of meetings and several public hearings, the Zoning Board of Appeals crafted the new ordinance which was approved by the Board of Trustees last fall.

At the center of the new ordinance is the concept of Heritage Trees, a special resource throughout the village. Heritage trees include oak, hickory, ironwood, wild black cherry, hackberry, black walnut, basswood/linden and sugar maple, and are of a genus and species indigenous to this region, and felt to be of significant historical value to the village. Such trees shall be above a certain minimum trunk diameter measured in inches at a point four and one-half feet above grade (the Diameter Breast Height (DBH)) and of a Good Condition rating based on a six-point scale set forth in the ordinance, with (1) being the best and (6) being the worst, for purposes of determining the health of a Heritage Tree. A Good Condition means a tree having a condition rating of one (1), two (2), or three (3) as set forth in the guidelines. Only trees with those ratings will be considered Heritage Trees.



Photo courtesy of Pamela Cools

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expense of our future and quality of life.

To this end, the Village has been working to create a consortium of communities and to draw in our political leaders at the local, state, and federal level. Several meetings have been held and the group is working well together. Our Village has lead the position that the only appropriate solution is for the US Surface Transportation Board, and our federal representatives, to turn down this acquisition and to place limits on EJ&J traffic volume. **For the most up-to-date information see the Communication's Committee newly remodeled website www.vbhcomm.info, which officially re-launches on May 15th.**

Village Codes: Recently, I asked our Board and our committees to begin looking at Village codes to see if they are up to the task of protecting the Village character and individual property rights as we move into the future.

In the past, the Village codes were simple and designed to provide basic protections. The assumption was that home sites were relatively small in comparison to property lot sizes. Homes were usually custom-built for the resident, and there was great sensitivity to the neighboring properties and the environment.

However, in recent years, home sizes have more than tripled, and most homes are now being constructed as 'spec' homes by builder/developers. These projects are designed at the maximum possible size for the property and frequently challenge the Village codes in an attempt to gain a marketing edge. Some of these builders fail to recognize the special nature of our Village. As an example, we have had several cases where the properties were clear-cut of trees as part of construction. Residents have also challenged the limits of the Village code on a number of occasions.

In order to protect our future, I am launching a complete review of our Village code. The goal is to create a code that is clear, enforceable, and protects our character. This will take some time, and I will keep you up to date on our progress. We will also report on this project at each of the Village Board meetings.

Village Property Taxes: Although we are barely into 2008, we are already thinking about the 2009 budget. The Village levies property taxes based on its actual cash requirement. This is

different than most communities which levy based on a tax rate of property assessments. In our case, we tax only for the cash we need, rather than spending what we receive as income from increasing assessments.

In the past several years, the Village budget has increased at approximately 4% per year. This is necessary to support increases in services for police operations, zoning protection, building codes, road building and maintenance, regional planning issues (like CN and affordable housing), and other legal services.

It is worth noting that the annual inflation rate is approaching 7%, not including the cost of energy. The Village uses some 24,000 gallons of gasoline annually to support its operations. With the cost of fuel spiraling out of control, and inflation picking up, this will place great pressure on our budget and require careful future planning.

I want to encourage you to take full advantage of the Village WEB site, www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov. Here you will find all the Village communication, meeting schedules, a fully searchable version of the Village Code, and all the latest happenings within the Village. I would like your feedback on how we can make this WEB site more useful to you.

I urge you to continue to communicate directly with me and the Trustees. I invite you to attend our regular Board and committee meetings and get involved. We have made it easier to speak and interact at the Village Board meeting by moving Public Comment to the top of the agenda. There are still slots available on several committees and I am always looking for more volunteers. We need your feedback and ideas. I can be reached directly either by e-mail or phone and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

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THE GREEN SCENE

The Healthier Barrington Project is sponsoring a first-ever environmental survey. Survey responses will provide information on Barrington residents' perceptions of key environmental issues and steps householders are willing to take or have already taken to help the environment. The survey (Healthier Barrington Environmental Project Survey) can be accessed on the UIC-Rockford home page at www.uirockford.com and can be completed in less than ten minutes. (Click on the Healthier Barrington link on the bottom left side of the webpage.)

The survey will be tabulated by the Institute for Health Systems Research, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford. Results of the survey will be made public at a community meeting to share results.

The Healthier Barrington Project is made up of a broad cross-section of representatives from area churches, businesses, health, and social service agencies, as well as interested individuals. The mission of the initiative is to bring together individuals and groups whose work will enhance the quality of life within our community.

For more information about the survey or the Healthier Barrington Project, contact Syl Boeder, Community Relations, Good Shepherd Hospital (847) 842-4321.



TREE PRESERVATION CONTINUED

A complete chart of Tree Condition Ratings and Heritage Tree details can be reviewed at the Village website www.barringtonhills-il.gov.

The intent of the new chapter is to ensure the presence and continuation of Heritage Trees by requiring sound forestry practices, and preventing storm water runoff and topsoil erosion. This will be accomplished by regulating how such trees may be removed and replaced, whether as a result of building construction or as a result of landscaping activity only.

The focal point of the ordinance is the notion of a woodland, which means eight or more Heritage Trees on a site within a circular area (which may include portions of a surrounding area) having a radius not to exceed 117.8 feet and shall include all such trees within the Woodland regardless of the number of such trees. A site may encompass more than one Woodland. A tree removal permit (TRP) shall be required for the destruction or removal of any Heritage Tree in any Woodland. No person shall, directly or indirectly, remove, damage or destroy a Woodland without having secured a TRP.

For new construction sites, the applicant shall submit a Tree Preservation Plan to the Village Building Officer with the application for a TRP, which shall include a tree survey overlaid directly upon the site plan indicating the location, species, Condition Rating and DBH of all Heritage Trees. The survey shall distinguish among trees to be preserved, transplanted, and/or destroyed. Groups of trees which are less than three feet (3') apart may be designed by clumps, provided that all Heritage Trees and all other trees with a DBH of twelve inches (12") or greater must be individually depicted. The survey shall include a maintenance plan for all Heritage Trees, consistent with sound forestry practices, to ensure the protection of the trees for a period of at least three (3) years from the conclusion of construction or activity.

When no Building Permit is required but site construction work is to be carried out, the applicant shall submit a site plan that depicts the area of the tree removal, the Heritage Trees to be removed, and all other Heritage Trees in proximity to the removal. All Heritage Trees shall be identified by location, species, Condition Rating and DBH. The TRP application must specify the reasons for removing the trees and include any reports or studies which indicate that the trees should be removed.

As a condition to granting a TRP, the applicant may be required to replace the Heritage Trees that will be destroyed with other trees of the species identified above. Replacement trees shall conform to the minimum standards of the American Nursery and Landscape Association.

The ordinance shall not apply to the removal of Woodlands on property owned by a common owner, either singularly, collectively or institutionally, which exceeds 100 acres of contiguous land in the Village so long as the property is subject to a Tree Preservation Plan acceptable to the village. Such a plan, which shall have been written under the oversight of an Arborist or endorsed by such, shall include the intent through sound forest management to preserve and protect Heritage Trees.

In the event that a person shall remove, damage or destroy a Woodland without having secured a TRP, in addition to the general penalty provided our village code, that person shall plant a replacement tree or trees on the site within ninety days of written notice from the village. Such replacement tree(s) shall be a species listed above and shall be minimum three inch DBH trees with the aggregate plantings equaling the DBH of the damaged or destroyed protected tree. The failure to plant the replacement trees shall constitute a violation of our code and each day that the replacement tree is not planted shall constitute a separate offense. These replacement trees shall conform to the minimum standards of the American Nursery and Landscape Association. Any of such trees that die within three planting seasons shall be promptly replaced upon written notice from the Village.

Should you have any questions on any of the above, please contact the village at (847) 551-3000. You can find the whole of the ordinance on the village's website.

Citizens for Conservation



Photo by Citizens for Conservation

Citizens for Conservation (CFC) recently announced their Summer 2008 "Adventures in Nature Study" Classes, geared for children ages 4 and up. CFC is a Barrington-based volunteer organization dedicated to "saving living space for living things" through protection, restoration and stewardship of land, conservation of natural resources, and education in the Barrington area.

Birds of Prey Saturday May 17th, 10:00-11:30am

Photography (Parts I & II) Saturday June 14 & 28, 10:00-11:30am

Prairie Flowers Saturday August 2nd, 10:00-11:30am

Pond Living Saturday August 16th, 10:00-11:30am

Check www.vbhcomm.info or www.citizensforconservation.org for more program information, fees, and other events, or call the CFC office to register at (847) 382-7283.

TRUSTEE UPDATE—

Fritz Gohl, Trustee Public Safety



As many of you may be aware, there has been a significant increase in the number of burglaries and home invasions in our village in the last few months. Because of these hard economic times, there appears to be an element out there that is intent on trying to maintain their lifestyles at the expense of others. Stay alert for people and things going on around you, your home and your neighborhood. Remember that, although our police force is always patrolling, they cannot be everywhere at once. They rely on the eyes and ears of our residents to double and triple awareness of neighborhood activities. If you see someone or something that does not look right to you, dial 911, or write down the license plate number of the vehicle.

Remember to exercise common sense precautions as well – keep doors (even garage doors) and windows locked at all times, and turn on outside lights and alarm systems, whether you are home or not. Don't leave your house keys inside your car, even when parked on your driveway, or inside your garage. Residential thefts are often crimes of opportunity, so taking a few proactive steps can deter these criminals!

Elaine M. Ramesh, Trustee Road and Bridges



Greetings from your new Roads and Bridges coordinator! I've got some pretty large shoes to fill, given the excellent previous tenures of President Abboud, Trustee McKevitt, and most recently Trustee Gohl, in this position. Trustee Gohl and I will be working together to handle this responsibility.

I've also been assigned to be the Village Board's liaison to the Barrington Countryside Park District and to the Cook County Forest Preserve. I will also be chairing the Equestrian Committee and assisting Trustee Mallen with the Environment Committee. If you have comments for me, please send them to me at Starcrest33@aol.com.

Our 2008 Road Program will be getting underway shortly with the resurfacing of Oak Knoll Road from Ridge Road to Old Hart Road. Residents along the road to be repaired will soon receive a communication from the Village with detailed information about the project. In addition, a project to replace the culvert on Algonquin/River Road and improve drainage on River Road will also take place this year. The culvert work will necessitate some temporary road closures. Pothole patching has already begun and will continue through the spring. In the next newsletter I'll have more details for you about the various roadwork plans for this year.

Please be remember that as of March 17th, the Village roads are temporarily closed to vehicles weighing more than 10 tons. All overweight truck permits have been suspended and no new ones will be issued until the Village Engineer determines that the restriction can be lifted. The length of the closure is determined by the rate at which the moisture leaves the sub grade of the roads. Generally, the weight restriction is lifted in early May, so keep this in mind when planning delivery of construction, remodeling or landscaping materials to your home. Call the Village Hall (847) 551-3000 with any questions you might have, and be sure to check the Communications Committee website www.vbhcomm.info for the official announcement of the end of this annual restriction.

Steve Knoop, Trustee Planning and Development Commissions

Ken Bosworth, Plan Commission Chairperson



The Plan Commission's main duties are to view and approve new subdivisions within the Village and to maintain the comprehensive plan so that it remains accurate and current. Only two minor subdivisions have been approved by the Plan Commission in the past few months, one being a three-lot subdivision on Old Dundee Road and the second being a two-lot subdivision at the western edge of the Village along Route 25. As to the comprehensive plan, the Plan Commission has retained the services of Teska & Associates to review it to determine whether any updates or changes are needed. The Plan Commission is underway with this process and has prioritized certain objectives which it will carry out within the next six months. In order to amend the comprehensive plan, public hearings will be held after public notice. Please look for these notices. We appreciate and encourage your participation.

In response to the possible takeover by Canadian National of the EJ&E railroad line running through the Village, the Plan Commission had an emergency meeting and passed a resolution which enumerated many of the potential detriments to the Village, including adverse impact on the safety of the residents and potential impact on the environment.

Finally, in response to concerns of many residents, the Plan Commission, in conjunction with the Zoning Board of Appeals, and ultimately the Village Board, will begin looking into the matter of exterior lighting. The comprehensive plan clearly points out that the objective of the Village is to maintain a rural atmosphere, including the advocacy of dark skies. Over the last several years, more and more properties are being lit with external lighting in contravention to the Comprehensive Plan and Village Ordinances. Over the next several months, hearings will be held to determine if amendments to our ordinances may need to be adopted. Accordingly, we would caution that, prior to any resident expending any sum of money for external lighting on their property that they adhere to the principals of the Comprehensive Plan and keep abreast of the scheduled hearings regarding this issue.

TRUSTEE UPDATE—

Walter E. Smithe, III, Trustee Finance



The finance committee is pleased to report that our auditor, Virchow, Krause and Company, LLP, has concluded field work for the 2007 village audit. I recently spoke with Don Rahn, CPA, who is the partner responsible for our account. He told me that the audit is going very well and that his staff is very impressed with the work of Village Treasurer Rosemary Ryba, as well as the assistance provided by Village Administrator Robert Kosin. He continued saying that their excellent preparation and fine work facilitated an exceptionally thorough audit. Tests included spot checking paid invoices, interviews with Village Officers on internal control procedures, capital and fixed asset additions as well as requests to identify outstanding liabilities and pending litigation. Mr. Rahn has assured me that their report will be available soon. This report will be posted at the village website www.BarringtonHills-IL.gov. You will notice that as we adapt to GASB 34 provisions, as well as harmonize the annual and fiscal year, our financial statements are becoming more user friendly, with straightforward language, graphs and less of the jargon that made past statements difficult to understand.

In what has to be one of the smoother computer transitions in history, the village is well along in the process of converting to the new MSI accounting software. As a precaution, for the first two months of this year we have been running both systems in parallel. Since the new system has performed beyond expectation we are ready to switch over completely to the new software.

There have been important steps taken to assure that Village Treasurer Rosemary Ryba's maternity leave does not impact the usual smooth operation of village finances. A few years ago some of you may remember that Ron Heller most ably assisted the village with the transition when Village Treasurer Joanne Sladek retired. Fortunately, Ron is again available to assist with the maternity leave and will pick right up when needed. He will be supported by Toni Taylor who has been assisting with bank reconciliations and other internal control responsibilities. And again, Trustee and Finance Committee member, George Schueppert, has agreed to step in to handle the newly created position of Deputy Village Treasurer and handle the statutory part of the position. The Finance Committee is most confident that this interim team will do a great job during Treasurer Ryba's maternity leave.

Mrs. Ryba and I remain at your service should you have any questions or comments about village finances. Walter E. Smithe, Trustee 847-382-8867 iii@smithe.com or Rosemary Ryba, Village Treasurer 847-551-3002 treasurer@barringtonhills-il.gov

George L. Schueppert, Trustee Building and Zoning



The Winter issue of our village newsletter contained information on the Home Occupation section of our Village Zoning Code as it addresses the matter of boarding of horses. It has become clear over the past few months that a specific focus on the matter is necessary to address some ambiguities in our code and to provide residents with greater clarity in the instance. Upon recommendation of the Equestrian Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has begun a process intended to amend our code on the extent and specifics of horse boarding in the village. Residents with an interest in the matter are encouraged to attend the ZBA meetings, which will gather information leading to the creation of draft amendment language. That will lead to a public hearing (or more) on the proposed amendment. If you have thoughts about the subject and would be willing to put those in writing for the ZBA's consideration, that would be most appreciated. Please check the village's website for dates, time and locations of the ZBA meetings. The agendas are posted 72 hours in advance of any ZBA meetings.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Trustee Fritz Gohl would like to recognize an outstanding act of neighborliness. "While I was Acting Roads and Bridges Commissioner in February, I went out to Hawley Woods Road one Saturday afternoon to chip ice off the street to keep the road open. A neighbor living nearby – George Wight—happened to stop to talk to me and ask if he could help. I quickly agreed, and George and I worked together diligently. After one and a half hours of hard work, we had the road clear. I want to publicly say THANK YOU to Mr. George Wight!!!"

Community Corner



PARK DISTRICT REBATE

Did you know that if you are a Barrington Hills resident who pays taxes to the Barrington Countryside Park District (BC-PD) and who participates in other park districts' programs, your household is eligible for an annual rebate?

The rebate is for the difference between the in-district and out-of-district rate for an activity, function membership or program taken outside of the BC-PD. Each family can receive up to \$70 in rebates per calendar year. A receipt from the out-of-district program, a completed rebate request form (available on the district website www.bc-pd.org/formrebate.htm), and a copy of your tax bill (or voter registration card) must accompany each rebate request. For more information about the rebate, or other Park District programs, visit <http://www.bc-pd.org> or phone (847) 783-6772.

BACOG

The member governments of the **Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG)** work together to promote the unique needs of the region. In February 2008, a *Legislative Breakfast* was held in February with Lake County Municipal League and state representatives and senators from Lake, Cook and McHenry Counties. BACOG held a drive-down to Springfield and *Lobby Day* on March 5-6th. Staff, presidents and supervisors met with state lawmakers and attended committee meetings where legislation of interest to BACOG was being considered.

The BACOG office also takes action by writing, calling and working with legislators. State Senator Pamela Althoff is sponsoring a property disconnection initiative on BACOG's behalf. This initiative would help to stabilize municipal boundaries and prevent developers from undermining comprehensive plans through disconnections.

BACOG has also submitted several letters of opposition and comment on the Canadian National Rail Road's proposed purchase of the EJ&E. Comments to the US Surface Transportation Board (STB) examined groundwater and water supply concerns, including an examination of wells, recharge areas and surface waters in the vicinity of rail. BACOG stressed greater consideration of land use and regional/comprehensive planning; existing rail design and conditions; safety concerns for emergency response; potential for hazardous materials spills; traffic congestion and emissions pollution; and impacts on native vegetation and wildlife. For more information regarding BACOG, please logon to www.bacog.org, or contact Janet Agnoletti, Executive Director, at (847) 381-7871.

GARDEN FAIRE

June 20 & 21, 2008

The 8th annual Barrington Country Garden and Antique Faire returns June 20th and 21st. Tour gorgeous gardens of three beautiful Barrington Hills estates, featuring sophisticated English and French inspired gardens beautifully adapted to their American settings. This one-of-a-kind event also includes unique designer-created garden party vignettes, horticultural presentations, shopping at the Avant Garden Shop, an upscale flea market, and a French Market filled with fine antique and boutique items.

Event hours are 10am-4pm. Tickets are \$40 through June 15th, \$50 on June 16th and after, and can be used on either day. For more detailed information please call 847-622-5201 or visit the website at www.handsofhopeonline.org.

The Faire benefits Hands of Hope, a Section 501(c)3, tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization based in Barrington, dedicated to the critical needs of women and children around the world who face disease, poverty and persecution.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BARRINGTON AREA

Even though it seems like the February primary election was not so long ago, the **League of Women Voters of the Barrington Area (LWVBA)**, a nonpartisan grassroots political organization, is hard at work. LWVBA is composed of both men and women of all political parties, whose mission is encouraging voters to register to vote, providing citizens information about their choices through Candidates' Forums and providing opportunities for citizens to study the validity of multiple sides of the issues facing our community, locally, statewide, and nationally. Annually, they also publish a Public Officials Directory to help community members gain access to their government. Check the website www.lwvba.org for news of upcoming events and programs, or if you need information on voter registration and polling places.



PONY CLUB

The Fox River Valley Pony Club is sponsoring two horse shows this spring to be held at the Barrington Countryside Park District Riding Center. The Mini Event is scheduled for May 17-18. This show features eventing and combined training classes for beginner to novice riders and horses. The Horse Trials, a 3-day eventing competition that draws riders from throughout the Midwest, will be held June 20-22. To enter, please go to www.frvpc.com for an entry form or to www.evententries.com.

Money raised by these annual shows helps pay for equine educational programs put on by the Pony Club and maintenance of the jumps and trails in the forest preserve. Spectators are welcome, so come out to enjoy our beautiful countryside and cheer on the riders!

KNOX BOX RECOMMENDED BY FIRE CHIEF

The Knox-Box rapid entry system currently in use by 131 property owners within the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District (BCFPD) reduces emergency response times dramatically and enhances the District's ability to provide life-saving assistance, Deputy Fire Chief John Feit reports.

A Knox-Box is a secure emergency access tool that gives first responders immediate entry to a building or property without using force. The steel box – installed near a property's front entrance or gate – allows paramedics or firefighters to quickly enter a building with a "master key" and administer assistance to those in need.

"Seconds count when responding to a 911 call. The Knox-Box system significantly cuts our response times by allowing paramedics and firefighters to immediately enter a home or commercial building without resorting to force," Deputy Chief Feit explains.

Reducing response times by even a few minutes significantly improves the District's ability to provide emergency assistance. Studies indicate that the chances of survival for people requiring emergency medical care decreases significantly if treatment is not administered within six minutes.

Residents and property owners within the BCFPD who are interested in learning more about the Knox-Box system may contact the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District at 847-304-3600, or visit www.knoxbox.com. For more information on BCFPD operations and activities, visit www.bcfpd.org.

MEET THE TRAFFIC UNIT BEFORE YOU MEET THEM ON THE STREET

The primary purpose of the **Traffic Unit** is to reduce traffic accidents and make our community as safe a place as possible to drive, ride a bike and walk. The unit utilizes the 3 E's of Traffic Safety -- Engineering, Education and then Enforcement.

The Traffic Unit is comprised of a Sergeant and two officers. They handle the traffic issues and complaints that come into the police department.

They are the primary responders when available to automobile crashes and handle the department's main focus on traffic violations such as speeding, failing to stop at red lights and stop signs, occupant safety violations (seat belts and child restraints) and equipment violations such as no front license plates, no mud or splash guards, broken windshields, non-working signals and lights. As result, they make most of the arrests for drivers who are not licensed and have no insurance.

Any traffic concerns you might have can be addressed to the traffic unit. The traffic unit officers can be reached at 847-551-3006 or by email at: dkann@vbhpd.net



Vehicle stickers are now on sale for the 2008-2009 season and the appropriate form has been mailed to each resident. We ask that you verify and/or update the information on the form. For your convenience stickers can be purchased through the mail or in person at the Police Department. Currently the cost for all cars is [\$10.00] ten dollars and class B Truck stickers are [\$11.00]. In order to qualify for the antique vehicle exemption that vehicle must display an antique vehicle plate or the sticker fee would apply.

Please purchase stickers before May 31st to avoid a penalty. A vehicle sticker is required for all vehicles registered within the Village of Barrington Hills. Failure to comply with the ordinance may result in a \$50 citation. If you did not receive a form in the mail please come to the police department so we can update our information.



Joining Officer Hammelmann and his wife at the award presentation were (left to right) Village President Robert Abboud, Police Chief Michael Murphy, and Trustee Fritz Gohl.

Gary Hammelmann celebrated his 25th year with the police department this March. Officer Hammelmann, known as "the Commander", started in 1983 and in addition to general patrol duties, has worked as a juvenile officer, range officer and defensive tactics instructor. He also served on a multi-jurisdictional task force for dealing with crowds, demonstrations and riots. Although he is qualified in many areas, his favorite part of the job is enforcement of laws governing second division vehicles (trucks). Congratulations Gary!



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Identity theft from mailboxes on the rise!

Barrington Hills Police Chief Michael Murphy reports that the Department recently apprehended two individuals (likely part of a larger ring) and charged them with the identity theft of nine people. The thieves apparently removed outgoing mail from mailboxes, and obtained personal data such as social security numbers, checking account numbers, etc. Residents are advised to take their outgoing mail directly to the post office for mailing, and not place it in their roadside box for the mail carrier to pick up. Raising the "red flag" on your box is like a "red flag" to thieves, alerting them that valuable mail is waiting inside, unattended. In addition, homeowners should promptly remove incoming mail as soon as possible after delivery, never leaving mail in the box overnight. For additional security, U.S. Postmaster approved locking mailboxes, which secure incoming mail from theft, are readily available at most home improvement centers and many on-line retailers.

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**Director of
Administration**
Robert Kosin

MEETINGS

Village Board

4th Monday of the month, 6:30 PM

Equestrian Commission

1st Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Development Commission

1st Monday of the month, 5:00 PM

E-911 ETSB

2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM

Plan Commission

2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 PM

Zoning Board of Appeals

3rd Monday of the month, 7:30 PM

Board of Health

3rd Wednesday of the month,
7:30 PM

Communications Commission

3rd Monday of the month, 5:30 PM

Police Pension Board

4th Monday of the month, 9:00 AM

All meetings are held in the Alexander MacArthur Room of the Barrington Hills Village Hall.
Should you wish to comment at any of these meetings, your advance notice, by telephoning the office of the Village Clerk at 847-551-3000, is appreciated.

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